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Dear Mr. Azzam:

Your letter of 25 November, 1980 to Mr. Shestack concering Dr. Necemittin Erbakan of the Turkish Parliament has been referred to my desk. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. The International League for Human Rights has been following closely the events of the military coup and the status of human rights under the junta, and appreciates your having brought this case to our attention.

I am currently working to gather specific information of human rights violations in Turkey, expecially case accounts such as that of Dr. Erbakan. It would be helpful to me if you could send an update on the current state of the special court trial as well as the status of Dr. Erbakan's colleagues. I could also use any information on other reports of human rights violations which have come to your attention.

Again, thank you for the information you have provided and I assure you of our continuing interest in human rights developments in Turkey.

Respectfully,

David France
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